

IDEA Listserv – April 27, 2010

FY 2011 IDEA Budget Software release – May 10, 2010

We plan to have the FY 2011 IDEA regular entitlement budgets open on May 10, 2010, for data entry. This is also when estimated funding amounts will be announced; however, districts can expect to see amounts similar to what was received in fiscal year 2008-09. Reviews of the FY 2011 budgets will not take place until after July 1.

There will be several upgrades to the software based on feedback we received from you. The most helpful of the upgrades will be the ability to “copy over” your budget information from this year into next year’s budget form, and then make edits from that point. In addition, if your LEA has approved Title I schoolwide schools, the IDEA budgets (both regular and ARRA) will now have a separate object to budget for Title I schoolwide activities.

Webinars are scheduled to highlight all of the budget software updates. To sign up for these webinars, please register at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets-wufar-costs-webinar.html>.

FY 2011 budgets, both regular flow-through and preschool, must be submitted by July 1, 2010. In addition, all LEAs must submit IDEA assurances signed by the district administrator, by July 1, 2010. Copies of the assurances can be downloaded from <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-assurances.html>

Just a reminder – ARRA budgets do not “close out” at the end of this fiscal year but will remain open. Amendments can be made to these budgets until September 30, 2011. No new CEIS budgets (if not already submitted and approved) can be created for the ARRA flow-through funds.

FY 2010 IDEA Regular IDEA Budget Amendments – Final due date July 15, 2010

Final amendments must be submitted by July 15, 2010, for IDEA regular flow-through, CEIS, and preschool budgets. Final claims for these funds must be submitted by September 30, 2010.

Blanket Carryover for FY 2011: IDEA Flow-Through and Preschool Entitlement

It has been the DPI’s position generally that most, if not all, IDEA funds should be spent in the year granted. The DPI has permitted up to 25% of IDEA flow-through or preschool entitlements to be carried over to the next fiscal year. If local educational agencies wished to carry over more than 25% of the previous year’s IDEA entitlements, we have required them to obtain written permission to do so.

For this year only, permission from the department will not be required to carry over more than 25% of the 2009-2010 IDEA flow-through or preschool entitlement to 2010-2011. All unexpended flow-through or preschool entitlement funds will be carried over into fiscal year 2010-2011. This action is being taken to provide LEAs greater budget flexibility in light of the unique situation created by the availability of IDEA recovery funds through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Please note funds carried over from 2009-2010 not expended during 2010-2011 will be lost.

Equitable Services Reminder

During each fiscal year, school districts must set aside and expend a proportionate share of IDEA funds for equitable services for parentally placed private school students. To meet the equitable services requirement, an LEA must set aside and expend IDEA funds. State and local funds may only be used to supplement and not supplant the IDEA set-asides. The equitable services requirement applies to both regular IDEA allocations and IDEA Recovery allocations. Because the entire IDEA Recovery allocation is considered 2009-2010 funding, the IDEA set aside for fiscal year 2009-2010 must be based on the combined regular IDEA allocation and IDEA Recovery allocation. A calculator for determining the equitable services set-aside is available at http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/xls/pppc_calculator.xls. More information about the equitable services requirements can be accessed at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/lpp-pppc_calc ta.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/lpp-pppc_calc_ta.pdf).

A webinar on the equitable services set-aside requirement is scheduled May 27 at 1:30 p.m. To sign up for this training, please click on the following link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-equitable-services-webinar.html>

Following up on IDEA Claims

It takes approximately 30 days for a claim submitted to DPI for IDEA funds to be paid out. If you submitted a claim more than 45 days ago through the web-based system but have not received payment, please contact DPI for follow-up. For IDEA ARRA claims, please contact Brian Kahl at brian.kahl@dpi.wi.gov; for regular IDEA claims, please contact Mark Magnuson at mark.magnuson@dpi.wi.gov